

# OLD JOHN O. MASSEY HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

It Was There That Its Owner and His Aged Wife Were Murdered Thirty Years Ago.

MURDERER WAS LYNCHED

Chesapeake and Ohio Passenger and Freight Depot at Shadwell Burned. Believed to Have Been Set on Fire to Cover Theft of Whiskey.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 22.—The old John O. Massey home, on Buck Island Farm, the property of J. B. Andrews, of this city, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning. J. A. Marsh, who managed the farm for Mr. Andrews, occupied the residence with his family, and lost most of his furniture and belongings. The farm is about eight miles east of Charlottesville, and the residence, which was of the Colonial type, was situated on a hill just above Buck Island Creek. The dwelling was a two-story structure, part brick and part frame, with a large hall running through the center and large front and back porches. There were ten rooms. The building was only partially insured. Mr. Marsh, the manager, had no insurance whatever on his household effects. The residence was the scene, about thirty years ago, of one of the most horrible crimes ever enacted in the history of Albemarle County. There, John O. Massey and his aged wife were cruelly murdered by Jim Rhodes, who was caught by an infuriated mob and lynched just outside the city limits. The Chesapeake and Ohio passenger and freight depot at Shadwell, five miles east of this city, and the store-room occupied by Edward M. Smith, who was also agent for the railway company, were totally destroyed by fire about 5 o'clock this morning, together with their entire contents. The origin of the blaze is a mystery. One theory, however, is that the depot was set on fire by thieves, who broke in to steal a consignment of twenty-five gallons of whiskey. Three weeks ago the station was entered by burglars.

## "DRY" RESOLUTION DEFEATED IN HOUSE

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Vollmer, Walsh, Whitacre, Williams, Wilson (New York) and Witherspoon, total, 141. Republicans: Barchfeld, Bartholdt, Britten, Browne, Wisconsin; Brown, Calder, Carey, Cooper, Curry, Danforth, Davis, Drunker, Edmonds, Esch, Fear, Gardner, Gillett, Greene, Massachusetts; Greene, Vermont; Hayes, Howell, Johnson, Utah; Kahn, Kennedy, Rhode Island; J. R. Knowland, Lenroot, Madden, Mahan, Mann, Miller, Moore, Morin, Moot, Parker, New Jersey; Parker, New York; Platt, Porter, Roberts, Massachusetts; Roberts, Nevada; Rogers, Scott, Smith, Minnesota; Stafford, Stevens, Minnesota; Treadway, Winslow, total, 46. Independent: Kent—1. Progressive: Chandler, of New York—1. Grand total against resolution, 189.

ADVOCATES DID NOT EXPECT TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. Although advocates of the resolution vote, many of them, including Mr. Hobson, conceded that it would not receive the two-thirds necessary for passage. Before the roll call began, Representative Hobson presented an amendment to the resolution, authorizing "Congress and the States concurrently" to enforce the prohibition provision by legislation without division. An amendment by Representative Adamson, giving the States absolute control of legislation under the prohibition amendment was voted down, 32 to 179. Representative Hobson made a final appeal for the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, he said, "I wish to ask whether any member of this House who has a financial interest in the liquor question now pending who owns stock in any saloon or who has property leased to liquor interests, can under the rules vote on this question." The Speaker explained, that according to precedent, if a member was affected as one of a class, the rule would not prevent his voting, but that the question usually was left to the members themselves.

DEBATE IS OPENED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOBSON. Representative Hobson began debate on his resolution. He declared a liquor law was "an interstate nuisance," and that there has never been a serious concert between Federal and State laws for the protection of the people's morals. He portrayed the devastating effect of liquor, "a habit-forming drug whose shackled victims," he said, "today number 5,000,000 people." "It shortens life and blights the offspring," he continued, "and brings hundreds of thousands of people to drunkards' graves each year. It blights the lives of people before they are born." Representative Hobson spoke only ten minutes, then began to parcel out time to members who spoke in support of his resolution.

Representative Connolly, supporting the resolution, said prohibition had been a success in Kansas. Representative Morgan, of Oklahoma, spoke for the Hobson plan. "I am for temperance," said Representative Parker, of New Jersey, "but I believe it is best enforced by careful regulations supported by the enlightened public sentiment of each community." He referred to instances of alleged non-enforcement. Despite State prohibition saloons were wide open in Savannah, he declared.

Representatives Decker, Tribble, Langley, Locke and Bell, of California, spoke in favor of the amendment. Representative Ferris, of Oklahoma, made a vigorous plea for it. "I am for national prohibition because I believe it will do most good," he said. "There are two sides to this question. Which tugs the stronger at your heartstrings, the churches that are trying to save your boy, or the liquor interests that are trying to ruin your boy?"

## UNDERWOOD SPEAKS AGAINST RESOLUTION

Majority Leader Underwood spoke against the resolution. "This is not a moral issue," he said. "No great progress in the world's morality was ever made at the point of the sword or by the force of government behind it. We are here to consider a proposal as to whether certain police regulations should be turned over to the Federal government instead of being allowed to remain in the government of various States where the founders of the nation placed them."

Representative Underwood declared he favored "temperance in every walk of life."

"I believe," he said, "a man should be as temperate in his mental attitude as in the treatment of his body." He declared he favored county option in the treatment of the liquor traffic, and said that plan had worked in Alabama. "I cannot commit myself," he said, "to a proposal to rob the individual States of their police powers guaranteed them under the Constitution."

Mr. Underwood declared prohibition would cost the American people \$325,000,000 in lost revenue. He said that of the \$24,575,000 of ordinary receipts of the government the fiscal year, \$245,400,000, or 33 per cent, was from internal revenue and customs taxes from malt and vinous liquors. State taxes, he said, produced \$21,000,000, county taxes \$5,000,000 more, and revenue in incorporated places of 2,500 population or more aggregated \$32,000,000.

Mr. Underwood declared prohibition would be one question; to sacrifice it for a shadow is another question. He declared that in Georgia, with its State-wide prohibition, there was as much liquor consumed as in Alabama.

BOOTLEGGING GREATEST OF LIQUOR EVILS. "Bootlegging, they say, is the greatest evil of the liquor traffic," he said. "In prohibition Georgia there were 500 cases of bootlegging last year; in non-prohibition Alabama only 300 cases. Prohibition does not prohibit."

Mr. Underwood declared the principle of national prohibition was "the very principle which our forefathers fought, the same principle of centralization that destroyed the ancient republics of Greece and Rome." "In an idle hour," he continued, "there has grown up in this republic a faction which, clothed in the white

role of temperance—for all men believe in temperance—would tear down the fabric of this government, and remove the foundation stones of our national existence."

Mr. Underwood said he had figures showing that divorces for drunkenness were more numerous in prohibition States than in non-prohibition States and that saving banks deposits are greater in non-prohibition than in prohibition States. "There is but one way to work out this question, and that is by education," Mr. Underwood added.

Representative Adamson said it might be there were more convictions in Georgia than in Alabama and, if so, it was because Georgia voted for prohibition and enforced the law. He said that as "between the barrooms and damnation and prohibition and not with the wet."

He proposed an amendment designed to conserve State regulation of the use of liquor.

Representative Rucker, of Missouri, protested what he said was Mr. Underwood's contention that the good men and women of the country were trying to destroy the fundamental principles of the government. He said Mr. Underwood, while talking of possible loss in revenues, failed to tell of the millions lost by the drink habit.

He concluded, "It is this degeneration of mankind."

PRESENTS SUBSTITUTE PROHIBITING SHIPMENTS. Chairman Webb, of the Judiciary Committee, read an amendment in the nature of a substitute by Representative Morrison, of Indiana, which would absolutely prohibit the shipment of liquor in interstate and foreign commerce.

Representative Webb took issue with Underwood. He denied the amendment was a proposal to "rob the States of powers now reserved to them."

"If anybody robs the States of any power," he said, "it will be the States themselves, when three-fourths of them vote to give their power away."

Representative Saunders, of Virginia, supported the amendment, and argued against the contention that it would "rob the States of reserved powers."

"The fear of gentlemen that an army of Federal spies and informers and officials will invade the States is but a poor argument," he said. "The army is there now—spies, informers and all. It is under the Internal Revenue Bureau."

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## The Weather

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

North Carolina—Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday.

Local Temperature Yesterday. 12 noon temperature, 40; 3 P. M. temperature, 40; 5 P. M. temperature, 34; Maximum temperature to 5 P. M., 44; Minimum temperature to 8 P. M., 28; Mean temperature, 36; Excess deficiency in temperature yesterday, 4; Excess deficiency in temperature since March 1, 291; Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January 1, 310.

Local Rainfall Yesterday. Rainfall last twenty-four hours, None; Excess deficiency in rainfall since March 1, 10.23; Accumulated excess in rainfall since January 1, 2.43.

Local Observations at 8 P. M. Yesterday. Temperature, 31; humidity, 48; wind, direction, southwest; wind, velocity, 8; weather, cloudy.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES. (At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Albany	30	34	30	Rain
Asheville	32	36	30	Cloudy
Atlanta	34	38	30	Clear
Boston	32	36	28	Clear
Buffalo	14	24	24	P. cloudy
Chicago	14	24	24	P. cloudy
Charlotte	32	36	30	Clear
Chickasha	32	36	30	Clear
Chicago	14	24	24	P. cloudy
Denver	28	32	28	Clear
Jacksonville	60	70	54	Clear
Kansas City	24	28	12	Clear
Louisville	32	36	30	Clear
Montgomery	44	48	36	Cloudy
New Orleans	52	54	44	Cloudy
New York	32	36	30	Clear
Norfolk	38	44	34	P. cloudy
Oklahoma	30	32	24	P. cloudy
Pittsburgh	30	34	16	Clear
Raleigh	36	40	34	Cloudy
St. Louis	26	28	18	P. cloudy
San Francisco	56	58	4	Clear
Savannah	52	62	46	Clear
Spokane	22	22	8	Cloudy
Tampa	32	36	30	Clear
Washington	32	36	30	Clear
Winnipeg	14	24	24	P. cloudy
Wynneville	26	32	24	P. cloudy

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